



Friday Morning, January 18, 1867

## TO ADVERTISERS.

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## TO AGENTS.

Settlements of accounts will be rendered monthly, or the supply of paper, ink, &amp;c., will be furnished daily, and weekly, and will be furnished at the lowest cash rates and no exception will in future be made to this rule.

## Queen Victoria Calumniated.

Even the good and virtuous Queen of England—the cynosure of all nations, the admiration of all wives and mothers—is not proof against the shafts of calumny. It will be remembered that an article recently appeared in the *Gazette de L'Asaune*, assailing the reputation of Queen Victoria, which caused Mr Harris, the British Minister at Berne, to complain to the Swiss Federal Council. A very curious letter in one of the Paris papers, called *L'Éclard*, is devoted to the incidents which gave rise to the article in question, and affords a tit-bit of gossip highly acceptable to scandalmongers. The correspondent of this journal endeavors to show that the gossip originated in the best society in England, was propagated in the clubs and meeting places, and carried abroad by Englishmen themselves. After having stated that the duration of manifestations of regret on the part of the Queen, on account of the death of her husband, appeared excessive to the Court, the correspondent proceeds to explain how the silly story arose to which the complaints of the English Minister gave more importance than it deserved. The Court, he says, did not accommodate itself easily to the grief of the Queen, which reminded people of that of Artemis. They were cut short in their drawing-rooms, balls and fêtes. The aristocracy, forced to imitate the Court and abstain, made loud recriminations. The trade of London, which was dependent on luxury, complained bitterly that the Royal mourning, indefinitely prolonged, injured business and caused a loss of money to it. The great journals expressed their dissatisfaction by transparent insinuations, and the little ones by caricatures and epigrams. But soon the Queen furnished a pretext for much more serious slanders. At Balmoral, the hunting residence of the late revered Prince Albert, flourished a great, tall, stalwart *quadam*, a veritable Highlander of the Sir Walter Scott type. John Brown is his name *piqueur* (huntsman) his profession. Brown was the assiduous and faithful companion of the Prince. On the rugged mountains of Caledonia, in the pursuit of the stag or the grouse, all social distinctions disappeared between the master and the *piqueur* to give place to familiar good nature. The death of the Prince plunged Brown into despair, and the vigorous huntsman was soon no more than a mere shadow of his former self. During the last sojourn the Queen made at Balmoral, she was struck with the change which had taken place in the health of Brown. But when Her Majesty learned the cause, she attached him to her personal service, and brought him to London, then to Windsor Castle, and lastly, to her favorite residence in the Isle of Wight. So far, everything was as simple as possible. But human malignity took advantage of the eccentricities of the new body guard of Her Majesty, and the aristocracy began to invent anecdotes more or less apocryphal, more or less fantastic. It was told that Brown, taking his new role in serious part, was always on the heels of the Queen, and that he exercised an ascendancy and domination over the domestics which was unprecedented; that caring little about the laws of etiquette, he entered everywhere and at any time. It was also said that being respectfully requested by the Lord Chamberlain to change his Highland costume for a more modern one, the absence of "unmentionables" according ill with public decency, the huntsman answered: "My Lord, I came into the world without breeches, and I will die without breeches." In the clubs, those hot-beds of slander, many were the ugly remarks and shameless jokes; all kinds of drolleries were bandied about, and every day fresh anecdotes were invented more and more improbable. It was thought charming to designate the spotless Queen of England, under the insulting appellation of *Mistress Brown*. For three months these miserable calumnies were circulated through the three kingdoms to the great satisfaction of loungers, and to the great joy of those even who, to obtain access to levees or procure an invitation to the palace, would wallow in adulation and servility. The susceptibility of the British Consul can be readily understood, but it would have been far better for him to have been silent than to have drawn attention to these silly inventions, particularly as the paper which promulgated the calumny, retracted, and the prosecution against it was suffered to drop.

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## Letter from Paris.

(From our Special Paris and Continental Correspondent.)

PARIS, November 27.

## CUSTOM HOUSE NUISANCES.

The London *Economist* has just published a long and interesting article relating to the delay and discomfort of the French custom house examination of luggage, first on landing in France and next on arriving in Paris; it asserts, that as present carried on, the value of the investigation to the custom house will be so emphatically fractional that a large gain would arise to the net revenue by wholly abolishing the railway custom house offices on both sides of the water. The graceful course to follow would be for the English Government to announce at once that, in honor of the Paris Exhibition, they will from the first of January relinquish the present custom house examination of passengers' baggage. The French Government could not hesitate to accept the challenge; and so both countries, and all foreigners passing through them, would be rid, at all events for 1867, of the horrors of the custom house hierarchy, at the end of a long journey bad enough to men, but to ladies brim full of vexatious to bonnets, ribbons and florences, all liable to be tossed about like cabbages or stock fish, inexpressibly horrible. In answer to this the *Temps*, an evening paper of a somewhat Protestant tendency, says that it does not think that the French Government would willingly give up the duty, slight as it may be, but proposes that a decree should be issued declaring that all persons paying on departure a sum proportionate to the weight of their baggage, shall on arrival in Paris be exempt from the examination of their baggage, this sum to be paid by the railway companies to the exchequer of the State. The *Temps* goes on to say: "Suppose that the proportionate sum be one or two per cent., how many travellers would willingly pay this sum in order to free themselves from a long, disagreeable and irritating formality.

ROME.

Galignani says a pamphlet entitled *Le Senat Romain* is circulating in diplomatic quarters in Paris. Every member of the foreign diplomatic body found a copy of it at his residence, where it had been placed by an unknown hand. Thousands of copies have been circulated among the people of Rome. On the title page are the arms of the Roman Senate. The date is that of All Souls' Day, and the work bears the signature of "Stefano Porcaro." That name involves an allusion to the grave events which took place in the Eternal City in 1848, when the conspiracy was discovered which had for its object the taking away of the temporal power of the Pope. The pamphlet, relying upon history, and upon ancient and modern law, tends to show that it is for the Romans alone to decide on their own destiny; and in conclusion, the writer proclaims the maxim of Cavour: "A free Church in a free State."

ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT IN SMALL ARMS. When shall we see an end to the improvements on the needle gun? A journal, generally well informed in such matters, informs us that the Chassepot rifle, which was to out-do the Von Dreyse needle-gun, is no longer to be manufactured—or at least, that the manufacture of it is to be suspended for a time—as an improvement on the same has just been presented to the Emperor.

## THE EXHIBITION.

Among the "articles" which have arrived for the Exhibition are remarked some magnificent tubes of crystallized sulphur, found at Hindyana, in the neighborhood of Bagdad; also specimens of the essence of petroleum, pearls, and woven stuffs of various kinds. From Mansoul have come five different varieties of beautiful marble, ten or a dozen sorts of oars, among which are those of gold, silver, copper and iron. Several antiquities discovered at Nineveh; marbles found opposite Mansoul, near the place called Connous, the Prophet, with hieroglyphic inscriptions, hitherto undeciphered; on one of these marbles is engraved something like an eagle's head, with a single wing behind. From Djarkutan, wines, wrought stuffs, and carpets in different styles have been sent.

## GAVARNI GONE.

The very best of our comic illustrators is no more. Gavarni, a *nom de guerre* which he had taken from the beautiful place in the Pyrenees of that name, was but 61. He was of humble origin, and began his career as a workman in an engine manufactory. He may have said to have been self-taught, and from an occasional sketcher for a journal of fashions, became a first illustrator of France. It is generally believed that he died well off. He left behind him a large number of water-color paintings.

## European Items.

SPAIN—SEVERAL CONSPIRACIES DISCOVERED.—The Captain General of Madrid, who at the end of last month suspended for a week the publication of the *Correspondencia*, imposed upon it also a fine of 200 crowns, to the chief master domino and general director of the palace, pointed out to the Queen that the state of the exchequer would not admit of the expenses for refreshments. Her Majesty was obliged to how to this representation. A double conspiracy had just been discovered at Saragossa and Corunna; several officers and sergeants have been arrested, and sent away at once to the Mariana Islands in the East Indies. I have no precise details upon what has happened in Saragossa, but the affair at Corunna was discovered in this manner: A sergeant, who had always borne an excellent character, presented himself a few days ago before the Captain-General of Galicia, and earnestly asked for a definitive *conge*. The Captain-General insisted upon knowing the motive of his request, and after much hesitation the sergeant said that his regiment was upon the point of rising, and the colonel and several officers had induced the sergeants to favor the rebellion, and that for his part he preferred to take his *conge* rather than run the chance at a *pronunciamiento*.

A despatch from Barcelona, which recently arrived in Paris, declares that the news given by the *Gazette de Franc* of an insurrection in Catalonia is incorrect. Possibly so. However, we remember that in the month of January last a series of telegrams from Barcelona, Madrid and other places, gave the most favorable account of the public tranquility at the very moment when General Prim was commencing his insurrectionary attempt. And then, if the Spanish journals connected with the government cannot tell the truth, what faith is to be accorded the telegrams, which are the work of the Government itself. *Independence Belge.*

The young Princess Dagmar represents a good deal that is astute and statesmanlike. Besides her own beauty and charming merits, she brings the keys of the Baltic at her girdle to St. Petersburg—an important bunch for a young Russian housewife to carry.

The total number of horses, cattle and other domestic animals in the whole of France in the present year is as follows:—Horses, 3,000,000; asses, 400,000; mules, 350,000; horned cattle, 11,200,000; sheep, 33,000,000; pigs, 5,300,000.

Recently, a swordfish, measuring about 10 feet in length, and weighing about 200 lbs., was captured in the Thames, off Southend, though it had been up and down the river, even as far as Hungerford, for some time past.

Baron Hannsman has just ejected the proprietors of no less than 31 houses which are to be demolished in order to widen the Rue du Temple. The landlords of these tenements are to receive a compensation.

The rinderpest having broken out afresh in Austria, the Bavarian government has refused to allow a large number of oxen intended for the English market to cross the frontier.

The investigation of the recent Parliamentary elections in England shows that in Lancashire 717 electors had been bribed.

A most incredible piece of news is given by *La France*—that the Ministers of Russia and Belgium, at Copenhagen, have both gone mad.

The reconstruction of the French army provides for a standing army of 250,000 of all arms—the quarter *part* to be artillery and cavalry.

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**The Paraguayan War.** On the morning of September 12, the French gunboat *Decidé* ran up the Paraguay river to Curuzú. She had on board the Count de Beaumont, attaché to the French Foreign Office and Special Commissioner sent out from France, together with Mr Washburn, American Minister to Paraguay. At that point the Brazilian gunboat *Iváhy* went alongside and notified the French steamer that she should go no farther up the stream, as the channel was full of torpedoes. The *Decidé* cast anchor, and the commander of the *Iváhy* went aboard to notify the officers of the *Decidé* that he would, at all events, have to obtain the permission of Admiral Tamandaré, who was at Curito superintending repairs necessary after the late battle at Curuzú.

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**THE BRITISH COLONIST.**

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**VALUE OF EXPORTS.**

From Victoria, V. I., to American Ports

For the Month ending December 31st, 1866.

TO SAN FRANCISCO.

Household Goods	Fine Seeds	10 00
second hand	218 00 Furs and Skins	1065 25
Do	2150 00 Quills	25 25
Coal	225 00 Fish	135 50
Do	2160 99 Almonds	570 05
Sheep	23 00 Oysters	42 00
Total		\$12,165 26

TO PUERTO RICO.

Miscellaneous Goods		294 00
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**Shipping Intelligence.**

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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CLEARED.

DEFACALATION IN WELLS, FARGO & CO's OFFICE, STOCKTON.—The Stockton *Independent*, of the 31st ult., has the following:—

"Strange and startling rumors have been afloat in this city for the past two weeks, concerning alleged heavy defalcations in Wells, Fargo &amp; Co's office, but until a few

days ago it was difficult to arrive at any reasonable conclusion in regard to the matter. It appears, however, that under the administration of T. R. Anthony, the office has gone

behind some \$48,000, in different ways, as shown by a careful examination of the books.

On Tuesday, the 25th ult., a new agent and assistants took possession of the office, and for some days after it was supposed that the affair had been satisfactorily arranged with the company. On Friday, however, Mr. Anthony was arrested on a charge of embezzlement, and placed under bonds to appear before Judge Baldwin on the following morning for examination. The hearing closed on Saturday evening, and the opinion of the Judge will be made known to day.

THE FIREMEN'S BENEFIT.—We omitted in our notice of the performance in the Theatre on Wednesday evening to award the credit due to the members of Maguire's new band, who generously volunteered their services on the occasion and acquitted themselves with great credit. After the entertainment was concluded the Amateurs and members of the band partook of an excellent supper at the Colonial Hotel on the invitation of Chief Engineer Keenan. The department are indebted to Mr. R. G. Marsh, stage manager for some cleverly illustrated rebus's, drawing attention to the performance that were posted up in town and attracted considerable notice. All claims against the performance must be left at the Boomerang to day, before 4 p.m.

RAT KILLING MATCH.—This novelty attracted a large number of spectators last evening, at Eden &amp; Boland's Saloon on Langley street. McDougal's terrier dog Pepper, was the first to enter the arena and although anxious for the work, was somewhat slow in the process of destruction, not collaring the tenth and last rat, until two minutes and five seconds had elapsed, whereas Baker's terrier dog Billy dropped the ninth rat within forty-five seconds of the time he jumped into the box, thus winning the match with ease. The tenth rat intended for Billy's entertainment was found to be non compos and was consequently discarded.

SMOKING IN A RAILWAY CARRIAGE.—A curious case has just been decided in Paris. A young Mademoiselle riding homewards in a third-class railway carriage, was annoyed by a male passenger who whiffed the smoke from a pipe in her face. She requested Monsieur to desist. He refused, whereupon the spirited little lady knocked the pipe out of his mouth and broke it. Monsieur boxed his assailant's ears, and Mademoiselle, scorning his assailant's ears, and Mademoiselle, scorning to have him arrested for assault, preferred a charge against him for smoking in a railway carriage, and the Perfect fined him 100 francs.

VICTORIA LODGE, NO 783, E R.—At the regular meeting of the Lodge held on Thursday, January 17th, 1867. The following offices were installed for the ensuing Masonic year, viz: Bro. Richard Lewis, W M; Bro. J F McCright, S W; Wm Clarke, G W; Bro D B Blair, Treasurer; Bro Wm Leigh, Secretary; Bro T Somerville, Chaplain; Bro James Moorhead, S D; Bro J W Trahey, J D; Bro J G McKay, J G; Bro J Blackbourne, D C; Bro P Medina, Organist; Bro Geo Creighton, Tyler. After which the Brethren adjourned to the usual Masonic banquet.

COMOX OYSTERS.—To Comox belongs the honor of producing the largest oysters yet discovered on the Pacific Coast. Thirty-five sacks, consigned to Mr. H E Levy, of Government street, were brought down day before yesterday. These fine oysters are three times the size of those obtained in any other locality on the shores of this Island, and were the bed situated as near San Francisco as it is to Victoria, it would be worth an independent fortune to the proprietors. Even as it is, we see no reason why Comox oysters cannot be profitably shipped to California.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—Mr. C B Young, last evening delivered an entertaining lecture on his personal adventures in Central America, before the Mechanic's Institute—The President, E G Alston, Esq., in the chair. The lecture occupied less than an hour in the delivery, and related many interesting incidents that came beneath his notice while traveling in Spanish American Colonies. At the close of the lecture a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Young by the Institute.

THE ENTERPRISE sailed for New Westminster at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. Among the passengers were Alfred Waddington and George Pearkes, Esq., who have gone up on business connected with the Bute Inlet Railway Company, and Messrs Pearkes, Norris and Moorhead, of the Volunteer Corps, who will lay a statement of the affairs of the corps before His Excellency, and request pecuniary assistance from the Government.

An Austrian Lieutenant was recently shot near Vienna, for cowardice in battle; though he had just been promoted for bravery in another engagement.

FRIEND LEVY, of Government street, has our thanks for a treat of large and delicious Comox oysters, with the *et cetera*, which was brought to our office last night. Ample justice was done to the rare dish by our hungry staff—who unite in pronouncing Comox the greatest oyster producing district in the world, and Levy the prince of caterers. Success to Comox and its oyster beds, and a long and prosperous business career to the man who remembers the printer.

THE "SEVERN"—This ship, which was here last year, was scuttled by the first mate and a portion of her crew when off Rio Janeiro. The scuttling is said to have been done to secure the amount for which the ship was insured in London. The crew escaped in boats. The vessel was 29 years old and very rotten. Three of the conspirators are undergoing examination in London.

IT IS RUMORED that one of the editors of the *British Columbian*, impressed with the idea that Victoria must be the place, is about to dispose of his interest in that paper and establish himself at Victoria. If the rumor be correct, we want no better evidence of the good intentions of His Excellency towards this city.

THE OCCIDENTAL was opened to the public last night and mine host Keenan was surrounded by a host of friends. The fine billiard hall was brilliantly lighted showing off to advantage, the numerous fine pictures and mirrors which adorn the walls and the most elaborately furnished and costly bar in the Colony.

NOLLA PROSEQUI.—A man named Edward Dunton was charged in the Police Court by one John Bandit, with rowdy conduct in striking him in the face with a slung shot and committing other acts of violence. On the case being called on yesterday; the prosecutor was non est and the charges were dismissed.

BRIDGMAN'S STABLES, on Broughton street, caved in on Wednesday night, beneath the heavy weight of snow on the roof. Three horses were extricated from the ruins uninjured. The stables were old and rickety, and by falling have saved the owner the expense of pulling them down.

A STORAGE SHED on Lennox's wharf fell day before yesterday beneath the accumulation of snow on the roof, and has become a perfect wreck. It was filled with hay and lime. The damage was principally to the building.

THE CONCERT.—Mr. George F. Wilson's concert is fixed for next Wednesday evening. Several amateur ladies and gentlemen will appear, and will be supported by most of the professional and amateur instrumental talent of the city.

THE BRIO ANN has been chartered by Dickson, Campbell & Co., to carry a cargo of coal to San Francisco, whence she will sail with grain to Cork for orders for some port in England.

APPOINTMENTS.—We understand that Mr. Wootton has been appointed Harbour and Postmaster, of Victoria. The appointment will give general satisfaction.

WE are pleased to learn that Judge Cox, M. L. C., has taken a house in this city for occupation during the sitting of the Council. This looks favorable.

The census of Chile taken in April and recently published, shows a population of 2,100,000.

THE HONEYMOON.—A correspondent thus shows up the dear delights of the honeymoon in a series of illustrations compiled by one who has been through the misery:

Second day—Speechless ecstasy, bliss impossible to be expressed.

Fifth day—Bliss still in the ascendent; appetite begins to look up.

Ninth day—Lady eats her dinner without being kissed by every mouthful.

Twelfth day—Oh, you naughty, naughty boy, not said quite so frequently.

Fifteenth day—Gentleman fancies a walk *sous les arbres*; comes home and finds his charmer in tears.

Sixteenth day—Gentleman and lady having returned to the world of sights, gentle endings and a promise "never to go out again alone in future," are invisible nearly all day.

Eighteenth day—Lady is presented with a magnificent breast-plate; gentleman consults her about the details of their domestic arrangements.

Twenty-first day—Gentleman and lady fancy a change, and go to church.

Twenty-fifth day—Lady begins to pack up, preparatory to returning from her wedding tour; gentleman assists her, and only kisses her once during the operation.

Twenty-eighth day—On the journey, gentleman keeps his lady-bird very snug.

Twenty-ninth day—Commit the dreadful *faux pas* of falling asleep in each other's company.

Thirty-first day—Arrive at home; greeted by mother-in-law on the threshold; mother-in-law hugs her dear son, and vanishes afloat with daughter; husband dancing attendance in sitting room for two hours; already feels savage, because the dinner is getting cold, and spirit begins to rebel against the mother of his Amelia. Amelia presently descends looking very charming; husband brightens up; dinner put on the table; mother-in-law drinks wine and is affected to tears; Amelia consoles her dear ma; evening wears on; mother-in-law leaves; Augustus returns inwardly, and goes to bed, determined to be at the office very early in the morning, and wake up the clerks.

An absent minded professor in going out of the gateway of his college, ran against a cow. In the confusion of the moment, he raised his hat and exclaimed, "I beg your pardon, madam." Soon afterwards he stumbled against a lady in the streets; in sudden recollection of his former mishap, he called out, "Is that you again, you brute?"

To what city in Europe is a man going when he marries?

Young lady—Oh! it's Nice.

Old maid—It's Hamburg.

Solid Dutchman—Bologna.

Brigadier—To Dublin, sure.

Practical parent—He's going to Havre.

Snarling old bachelor—He's going to Rouen.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Confidential Advice.—To all persons who suffer from bilious headaches, disordered stomach, or flatulence, these pills are most strongly recommended. They are of great service in removing cases without weakening or irritating the nervous system.

Most of all the different districts on the Island may be seen at his office. Parties desirous of purchasing household or marking presents, will find on his Bulletin Board, every day, nearly every street containing a Grafting Land in every District, so much of which is fair security for him, and quietly carrying it from the system, these pills ward off low spirits, listlessness, and those distressing feelings often called "nervous."

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